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Mr. Thomas Armstrong  
General Electric Company  
3135 Easton Turnpike W1A  
Fairfield, CT 06431

Re: Scientific Chemical Processing ("SCP") - Carlstadt Site

Dear Mr. Armstrong:

It is the purpose of this letter to notify you that the EPA intends to undertake a response action related to Tank T-5 which is located on the above-referenced SCP-Carlstadt site ("the Site").

By letter dated August 25, 1988, EPA was informed by Mr. Gerard Coscia of Dames & Moore (the contractor for the Respondents to Administrative Order Index No. II-CLCCLA-50114) that Tank T-5 was "in critical condition". EPA field personnel subsequently visited the Site on two (2) separate occasions to inspect the condition of this tank. Although they did not conclude that the tank was "in critical condition", they did observe that rainwater could enter the roll-off in which Tank T-5 has been placed and that rainwater could come in contact with Tank T-5.

Since Tank T-5 contains hazardous substances, as that term is defined in Section 101(14) of CLCCLA, the Agency has concluded that a tarpaulin should be placed over the tank to protect it from the elements and to mitigate any threat of release(s) until it and its contents can be properly disposed of.

EPA therefore intends to secure Tank T-5 within the next few weeks. We estimate that this will cost EPA approximately \$15,000. If the Respondents wish to perform this activity without any pre-conditions, please inform this office in writing of your willingness to perform this work within ten (10) calendar days after the date of this letter. If we do not receive an affirmative response within that time, we shall proceed to secure Tank T-5 as noted.

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If there are any further questions on this matter, please feel free to contact James Rooney of the Office of Regional Counsel at 212 264-3297, or Janet Feldstein/Jim Schmittberger of this Division at 212 264-2646, at your convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Stephen L. Luitig, Director  
Emergency & Remedial Response Division

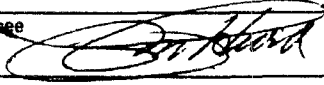
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